



Allen Dulles

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DULLES— TEACH RED FACTS EARLY

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"Teach the hard facts early about the Communist program to undermine our liberties," said Allen W. Dulles, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He pointed out that Lee Harvey Oswald "began to read Marxist literature in his early teens"—on his own.

But be careful what you teach or you'll be branded a Communist, said a National Education Association official. After all, a woman member of the Indiana State Board of Education came out against teaching about Robin Hood and His Merry Men because they "held communistic views."

PLAYTOYS, TOO

The NEA official is Miss Virginia Kinnaird, who is Associate Executive Secretary of the NEA Commission on Professional Rights and Responsibilities. Both she and Mr. Dulles spoke yesterday at the centennial convention of the American Association of School Administrators, which has attracted 23,000 educators and guests.

Right wing groups such as the John Birch Society, Miss Kinnaird said, have demanded the schools remove everything from play-toys to J. D. Salinger from their tried to hound out of the system as communists those teachers who try to see that all sides of an issue are presented.

Since 1958, Miss Kinnaird said, "textbooks have come under fire in at least a third of our state legislatures. Numerous book battles have ensued in local communities. Publishers of textbooks, in order to sell their product, have too frequently succumbed to the pressures. In one instance a publishing house deleted an entire chapter on the United Nations from an eighth grade textbook."

POSSIBLE HARM

Mr. Dulles said that he realized that "the task of those who favor teaching the facts about communism have been thwarted because such teaching has too often been misrepresented as being 'the teaching of communism.'"

In urging the early teaching of communism, Mr. Dulles said: "I recognize the harm that extremists at both the right and the left have done to the efforts of those who advocate more education about communist methods and techniques in our schools and colleges. I have no use for the extremes of McCarthyism and Birchism, although I recognize that many well-meaning, but misguided people have been deluded by their appeal."

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